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In re Application of:
RALPH H. CASTRO et al.

Application No.: 10/627,512

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For: RANGE-BASED CACHE CONTROL
SYSTEM AND METHOD

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DECLARATION OF RALPH H. CASTRO
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(37 CFR § 1.131)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Ralph H. Castro, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a joint inventor in parent application number 09/552,399 (the "Parent Application"), now patent number 6,601,137, and I am a joint inventor in this continuation application number 10/627,512 (the "Continuation Application") which claims priority to the Parent Application. I am making this declaration to establish facts showing that the invention claimed in this Continuation Application was reduced to practice before January 25, 2000, which I am informed is the issue date of U.S. Patent Number 6,018,789 to Sokolov et al. (the "Sokolov '789 patent"). I will hereinafter refer to January 25, 2000 as the "Effective Date" of the Sokolov '789 patent.